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- us to give up the enterprise) **b** : a tire with flanged beads fitting into the wheel rim
- cline** \ˈkliːn/ *n* [Gk *klinēin*] (1938) : a gradient of morphological or physiological change in a group of related organisms usu. along a line of environmental or geographic transition — **clin-al** \ˈkli-nəl/ *adj* — **clin-al-ly** \-nəl-i/ *adv*
- cline** *n comb form* [back-formation fr. *-clinal*] : slope (monocline)
- cling** \ˈkliŋ/ *vi* **clung** \ˈklɪŋ/ **clinging** [ME, fr. OE *clingan*: akin to OHG *klunga* tangled ball of thread] (bef. 12c) **1** *a* : to hold together **b** : to adhere as if glued firmly **c** : to hold or hold on tightly or tenaciously **2** *a* : to have a strong emotional attachment or dependence (he *clung* to his friends for support) **b** : to remain or linger as if resisting complete dissipation or dispersal (the odor *clung* to the room for hours) **syn** see **stick** — **cling-er** \ˈkliŋ-ər/ *n* — **clingly** \ˈkliŋ-i/ *adj*
- clinging** *n* (ca. 1625) : an act or instance of clinging : ADHERENCE
- cling-stone** \ˈkliŋ-stən/ *n* (1705) : any of various stone fruits (as some peaches or plums) with flesh that adheres strongly to the pit
- clin-ic** \ˈkli-nik/ *n* [F *clinique*, fr. Gk *klinikē* medical practice at the sickbed, fr. fem. of *klinikos* of a bed, fr. *klinē* bed, fr. *klinein* to lean, recline — more at **LEAN**] (1827) **1** : a class of medical instruction in which patients are examined and discussed **2** : a group meeting devoted to the analysis and solution of concrete problems or to the acquiring of specific skills or knowledge (writing ~s) (golf ~s) **3** *a* : a facility (as of a hospital) for diagnosis and treatment of outpatients **b** : a group practice in which several physicians work cooperatively **4** : a facility that offers professional services or consultation usu. at discounted rates (a legal ~) **5** : an exemplary display or performance (put on a ~ in the tournament)
- cline** *adj comb form* [ISV, fr. Gk *klinein*] **1** : inclining : dipping **2** : having (so many) oblique intersections of the axes (tricline)
- clin-ical** \ˈkli-ni-kəl/ *adj* (ca. 1728) **1** : of, relating to, or conducted in or as if in a clinic; as **a** : involving direct observation of the patient **b** : based on or characterized by observable and diagnosable symptoms **2** : analytical or coolly dispassionate (a ~ attitude) — **clin-ical-ly** \-kəl-i/ *adv*
- clinical thermometer** *n* (1875) : a thermometer for measuring body temperature that has a constriction in the tube above the bulb preventing movement of the column of liquid downward once it has reached its maximum temperature so that it continues to indicate the maximum temperature until the liquid is shaken back down into the bulb
- clinical trial** *n* (1946) : a scientifically controlled study of the safety and effectiveness of a therapeutic agent (as a drug or vaccine) using consenting human subjects
- cli-ni-cian** \ˈkli-ni-shən/ *n* (1875) **1** : a person qualified in the clinical practice of medicine, psychiatry, or psychology as distinguished from one specializing in laboratory or research techniques or in theory **2** : a person who conducts a clinic
- clin-i-co-path-o-log-ic** \ˈkli-ni-ko-pə-thə-lə-jik/ or **clin-i-co-path-o-log-i-cal** \-lə-j-i-kəl/ *adj* [clinical] (1898) : relating to or concerned with the signs and symptoms directly observable by the physician and with the results of laboratory examination — **clin-i-co-path-o-log-i-cal-ly** \-j-i-kəl-i/ *adv*
- clink** \ˈkliŋk/ *vb* [ME, of imit. origin] *vi* (14c) : to give out a slight sharp short metallic sound ~ *vt* : to cause to clink
- clink** *n* (15c) : a clinking sound
- clink** *n* [prob. fr. *Clink*, a prison in Southwark, London, England] (1515) **1** *slang* : a prison cell **2** *slang* : JAIL, PRISON
- clinker** \ˈkliŋ-kər/ *n* [alter. of earlier *klincard* a hard yellowish Dutch brick] (1641) **1** : a brick that has been burned too much in the kiln **2** : stony matter fused together : SLAG
- clinker** \ˈkliŋ-kər/ *n* [clink] (1733) **1** *Brit* : something first-rate **2** *a* : a wrong note **b** : a serious mistake or error : BOMBER **c** : an utter failure : FLOP **d** : something of poor quality
- clinker-built** \-bilt/ *adj* [clinker, *n.*, clink] (1769) : having the external planks or plates overlapping like the clapboards on a house (a ~ boat)
- clink-ety-clank** \ˈkliŋ-kə-tē-ˈklank/ *n* [imit.] (1901) : a repeated usu. rhythmic clanking sound (the ~ of a loose tire chain)
- cli-nom-e-ter** \ˈkli-nə-mə-tər/ *n* [Gk *klinein* to lean] (1811) : any of various instruments for measuring angles of elevation or inclination
- clinous** *adj comb form* [prob. fr. NL *-clinus*, fr. Gk *klinē* bed — more at **CLINIC**] : having the androecium and gynoecium in a (single or different) flower or (two separate) flowers (diclinous)
- clin-quant** \ˈkliŋ-kant, ˈkla-ˈkɪŋ/ *adj* [MF, fr. prep. of *clinquer* to glitter, lit., to clink, of imit. origin] (1591) : glittering with gold or tinsel
- clink-ant** *n* [F, fr. *clinkant*, *adj.*] (1682) : TINSEL
- clin-to-nia** \ˈkliŋ-tō-nē-ə/ *n* [NL, genus name, fr. De Witt Clinton] (1843) : any of a genus (*Clintonia*) of herbs of the lily family with yellow, white, or purplish flowers
- Clio** \ˈkli-ˈjō, ˈklē-/ *n* [L, fr. Gk *Kleia*] (1557) **1** : the Greek Muse of history **2** *pl* **Clios** : a statuette awarded annually by a professional

- clipped** the tourist for \$200) ~ *vt* **1** : to clip something **2** : to pass rapidly **3** : to clip an opposing player in football
- clip** *n* (15c) **1** *a* *pl* **Scot** : SHEARS **b** : a 2-bladed instrument for cutting esp. the nails **2** : something that is clipped; as **a** : the part of a single shearing (as of sheep) **b** : a crop of wool of a sheep, a flock, a region **c** : a section of filmed, videotaped, or recorded material : a clipping esp. from a newspaper **3** : an act of clipping **4** : blow **5** : RATE **4a** (continues at a brisk ~) **6** : a single incident or occasion : TIME (he charged \$10 a ~) — often used in the *pl*
- clip** (trained 1000 workers at a ~)
- clip-art** *n* (1968) : ready-made usu. copyright-free illustrations, books or as part of a software package from which they may be pasted or inserted as artwork
- clip-board** \ˈklip-bórd/ *n* (1885) **1** : a small writing board with a top for holding papers **2** : a section of computer memory that temporarily stores data (as text or a graphics image) esp. to facilitate movement or duplication
- clip-clop** \ˈklip-klɒp/ *n* [imit.] (1884) : the sound made by or as if horse walking on a hard surface — **clip-clop** *vi*
- clip joint** *n* (1932) **1** *slang* : a place of public entertainment (as a club) that makes a practice of defrauding patrons (as by overcharging) **2** *slang* : a business that makes a practice of overcharging
- clip-on** \ˈklip-ɒn, -ən/ *adj* (1909) : attached with a clip (a ~ earring) — **clip-on** *n*
- clip-per** \ˈkli-par/ *n* (14c) **1** : one that clips something **2** : an instrument for clipping esp. hair, fingernails, or toenails — usu. used **3** *a* : one that moves swiftly **b** : a fast sailing ship; esp. : one with slender lines, an overhanging bow, tall masts, and a large sail
- clipping** \ˈkli-piŋ/ *n* (15c) : something that is clipped off or something else (grass ~s); esp. : an item clipped from a publication
- clip-sheet** \ˈklip-shēʃ/ *n* (1926) : a sheet of newspaper material by an organization for clipping and reprinting
- clique** \ˈkliːk/ *n* [F] (1711) : a narrow exclusive circle or group of persons; esp. : one held together by common interests, views, or pleasures — **clique-ey** \ˈkli-keɪ, ˈkli-/ *adj* — **clique-ish** \ˈkli-kɪʃ/ *adj* — **clique-ish-ness** *n*
- cli-tel-lum** \ˈkli-tel-əm/ *n*, *pl* -la \-lə/ [NL, alter. of *L. clitellae* (1839) : a thickened glandular section of the body wall of annelids (that secrete a viscid sac in which the eggs are deposited)
- clit-ic** \ˈkli-tik/ *n* [enclitic or proclitic] (1946) : a word that is not pronounced as forming a part of a neighboring word and that is then unaccented or contracted
- clit-o-ri-um** \ˈkli-tə-ri-um/ *n*, *pl* -mies (1866) : excision of all or part of the clitoris
- clit-o-ri-s** \ˈkli-tə-ris, ˈkli-tor-as/ *n*, *pl* **clit-o-ri-s-es** also **clit-ids** \ˈkli-tor-a-dēz/ [NL, fr. Gk *kleitōris*] (1615) : a small erectile of the anterior or ventral part of the vulva homologous to the penis
- clit-to-ral** \ˈkli-tə-rəl/ also **clit-to-ric** \ˈkli-tor-ik, -tər-/ *adj*
- clivia** \ˈkli-vē-ə, ˈkli-/ *n* [NL, fr. Lady Charlotte Clive †1866 d. Northumberland] (1828) : any of a genus (*Clivia*) of perennial green So. African herbs of the amaryllis family with fleshy umbels of large funnel-shaped flowers
- clk** *abbr* clerk
- clo** *abbr* clothing
- clo-a-ca** \ˈklō-ā-kə/ *n*, *pl* -a-cae \-kē, -sē/ [L; akin to Gk *klaōō* wash — more at **CLYSTER**] (1599) **1** : SEWER **2** [NL, fr. L] : the common chamber into which the intestinal and urogenital tracts discharge, esp. in monotremic mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and some branch fishes; also : a comparable chamber of an invertebrate : CESSPOOL **2** — **clo-a-cal** \-ā-kəl/ *adj*
- cloak** \ˈklɔːk/ *n* [ME *cloke*, fr. AF *cloque* bell, cloak, fr. ML *claud* fr. its shape] (13c) **1** : a loose outer garment **2** : something like an outer garment; as **a** : something that envelops or conceals (a secret) **b** : a distinctive character or role (hung up his ~ to become a stay-at-home father — Charles Chamberlain)
- cloak** *vi* (1509) : to cover or hide with or as if with a cloak **syn** see **QUIR**
- cloak-and-dagger** *adj* (1860) : dealing in or suggestive of dramatic intrigue and action usu. involving secret agents and espionage (a ~ novel) — **cloak-and-dagger** *n*
- cloak-room** \ˈklɔːk-rum, -rüm/ *n* (ca. 1852) **1** : a room in which outdoor clothing may be placed during one's stay **b** : CHECKROOM : an anteroom of a legislative chamber where members may confer with colleagues **3** *Brit* : LAVATORY **2**
- clobber** \ˈklɔːbər/ *n* [origin unknown] (1879) *slang* *Brit* : CLOTH
- clobber** *vt* **clobbered**; **clobber-ing** \-b(ə-)rɪŋ/ [origin unknown] (1943) **1** : to pound mercilessly; also : to hit with force (he ~ed the runner) **2** *a* : to defeat overwhelmingly (got ~ed in the election) **b** : to have a strongly negative impact on (businesses ~ed by the recession) **c** : to criticize harshly (a film ~ed by reviewers)
- clo-chard** \ˈklɔː-shārd/ *n* [F, fr. *clocher* to limp, fr. VL **clappicare*